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AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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1. DR. MASAMI FUJII OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING PROPOSALS ON JOINT PROJECT MEETING ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN JAPAN JUNE 13-15 TO DR. WARREN MUIR, U.S. PROJECT CHAIRMAN:

I. JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS

DR. FUJII AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; DR. KONDO FROM
OSAKA UNIVERSITY; DR. KATO FROM OSAKA CITY ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

II. PROPOSED AGENDA

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A. U.S. PRESENTATION ON BASIC IDEA OF TSCA PROMULGATION.

- (1) SITUATION AFTER PROMULGATION AND PRINCIPLES OF ENFORCEMENT.
- (2) DATA NEEDED WHEN NEW CHEMICALS ARE REGISTERED.
- (3) DESIGNATION OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES.

- (4) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
- B. JAPANESE PRESENTATION ON ENFORCEMENT OF CHEMICAL ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL LAW.
- (1) CURRENT SITUATION AFTER ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.
- (2) LIST OF EXISTING CHEMICALS.
- (3) TESTING OF EXISTING CHEMICALS
- (4) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
- C. DISCUSSION.

JUNE 14: ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, SURVEILLANCE, AND RESEARCH ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

- A. CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PLAN IN U.S.
- B. DITTO IN JAPAN.
- (1) MONITORING
- (2) HAZARD ASSESSMENT PLAN.
- C. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND DISCUSSION. CHROLOFLUOROCARBONS AND ENVIRONMENT
- A. DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND EVALUATION (U.S.)
- B. CONTROL PLAN OR SCHEDULE (U.S.).
- C. JAPANESE POSITION ON CHROLOFLUOROCARBONS.
- D. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND DISCUSSION.

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JUNE 15: OBSERVATION TOUR TO RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN OSAKA; TECHNICAL METHODS OF CHEMICAL ASSESSMENT A. CURRENT SITUATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH (U.S.).

- B. DITTO (JAPAN).
- (1) SCREENING TEST.
- (2) IDENTIFICATION OF RESIDUAL CHEMICALS

IN ENVIRONMENT.

OTHER ITEMS

- A. OVERALL DISCUSSION.
- B. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

III. PROPOSALS FROM U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN ARE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED AGENDA EXCEPT CHEMICAL INCIDENT. JAPANESE HOPE U.S. DELEGATES MAKE PRESENTATION ON EXPERIENCES CONCERNING CHEMICAL INCIDENT.

IV. JAPANESE SIDE PROPOSES THAT GENERAL ASPECTS OF TSCA BE DISCUSSED AT JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION

MEETING AND THAT SUBSEQUENT PROJECT MEETING FOCUS ON SPECIFIC OR TECHNICAL ASPECTS.

V. JAPANESE SIDE WISHES TO HEAR REACTION OF U.S. PROJECT CHAIRMAN TO THESE PROPOSALS AND LEARN NUMBER OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN STUDY TOUR TO OSAKA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

2. DR. FUJII SUGGESTED THAT IF U.S. DELEGATES AGREE TO VISIT OSAKA, THEY BUY OPEN AIR TICKETS. RESERVATIONS FOR TOKYO-OSAKA FLIGHT WILL BE MADE BY JAPANESE SIDE. DR. FUJII WILL MAKE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL PLAZA IN OSAKA FOR NIGHT OF JUNE 15. PROJECT MEETING WILL BREAK UP IN OSAKA, BUT THOSE WISHING TO STAY ON WILL BE TAKEN TO MIZUSHIMA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN OKAYAMA.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR U.S. DELEGATION IN TOKYO. REQUEST INFORMATION ON NUMBER AND NAMES OF DELEGATES, ETA AND ETD BY CABLE SOONEST.
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